

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 12 as follows:

Japanese published patent application no. 10-27426, which aims ~~of~~ to prevent the unlimited installation of application programs recorded on recording media and eliminate the unauthorized usage of such programs, discloses installation control technology for recording an installation count in a storage/playback area of a recording medium in accordance with installation execution, checking the recorded installation count when there is a request to install an application program on another recording medium, and executing the installation only when the installation count is less than a predetermined count.

Please amend the sub-title on page 6, line 23 as follows:

~~DISCLOSURE~~ SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the sub-title on page 14, line 20 as follows:

~~BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION